



VBCC News

Vienna Baptist Children's Center

September 2023

Melissa's Note



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year!! It is so nice to have everyone back! We are all adjusting to a new routine and although some friends will have some sad times in the morning, we will all begin settling down and enjoy some fun activities inside and outside. Thank you to all of you for remembering to stay behind the tape at drop off and pick up and your continued quick happy goodbyes. We are so excited to start the school year!!

I wanted to introduce everyone to our staff. We have a lot of retuning staff and some new faces as well.

Administrative Staff:

Melissa Jones—Director
Jay Selwood—Office Manager
Sarah Knudsen - Business Manager

Swamp—1, 2, and 2 1/2 Year Olds

Ducklings—Julie Shin, Asma Yahiaoui
Turtles - Reem Halabi, Claire Kim, Jyothi Kona
Alligators—Stacie Bicknell, Shelly Dixon, Julia Kim, Sunny Jung, Deb Huntington, Claire Kim

Treehouse—3 year olds

Butterflies—Emma Blevins, Gulsen Onal Dikici
Owls—Amey Fooks, Eden Hall, Allison Laskowski, and Elizabeth Robinson
Monkeys—Kayla Freeman, Radhika Akoju

Rainforest—4/5 year olds

Boas—Martine Van Meter, Gina Visco, and Maria Moreno
Treefrogs—Liz Casagrande and Genine Vadala
Jaguars—Cheryl Bredehoeft and Esther Mach

Playground—The Savannah

Eden Hall and Kayla Freeman

Welcome all VBCC staff!!

Please always feel free to reach out to me via email or phone with any questions and Happy September!

Sincerely,

Melissa

Chapel Begins in October!

The 3 and 4 year old classes will begin Chapel the week of October 2nd. The Chapel days will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesdays at 10:10 the Boas, Treefrogs, and Jaguars will attend Chapel. On Wednesdays at 10:40 the MWF Owls and Monkeys will attend Chapel and on Thursdays at 10:10 the Butterflies and TTH Owls will attend Chapel. Pastor Ginny is excited to start another wonderful year in Chapel!

The 1, 2, and 2 1/2 year olds will begin to have Pastor Ginny visit their classrooms throughout the year.



NO NUTS PLEASE!

VBCC is a school that strives to be free from ALL nut products. When packing a soy butter sandwich, (or other alternative), please write on the bag to let us know that it is SAFE to eat here at school.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7 and 8: First Days of School, 9:30-11:30 (no lunch)

Sept. 11-15: School Hours 9:30-12:30 with lunch

Sept. 18: Regular School Hours Begin, 9:30-1:30

Sept. 25: Fairfax County Teacher Workday—**No School**

Oct. 9: Indigenous Peoples' Day—**No School**

Oct. 10-Nov. 17: VBCC Parent-Teacher Fall Conferences during school.

Oct. 17 and 18: In House Field Trip—Fire Safety Show and Fire Truck Visit at 10:15

Oct. 24 and 25: Individual Student Picture Day





VBCC REMINDERS

- Dress for messy play! We love to do a lot of art and play outside so please dress children in clothes that can get dirty.
- Sneakers/Tennis Shoes are best! For everyone's safety on the playground, please send your child in sneakers or tennis shoes. Please do not have them come in crocks or sandals.
- Early pick up. If you are picking up your child early please come to the office first so we can get the child from the classroom.
- Lunches! Please remember we have a no candy policy and discourage cookies or juice. A healthy lunch your child would eat and a water bottle work best.
- Birthday celebrations! Please work with your child's teacher to communicate about birthday celebrations. You can bring school safe cupcakes or popsicles directly to the office on the day of the celebration and we will distribute them to the classroom or freezer. Unfortunately we cannot have goodie bags, balloons, or candles.
- Changes in information. Please update the office via email of any changes in address, phone number, or email address so we can have everything correct in our system and class rosters.
- Pick Up. If you arrive early for pick up, please feel free to wait in the Foyer. We ask that parents do not wait near the playground, as we want to keep that area free from any adults other than staff during our school day.

FINANCIAL NOTES



- VBCC tuition and option fees are calculated on an annual basis and divided into 9 equal monthly payments.
- Tuition payments remain the same regardless of absences for any reason.
- Payments are due on the 10th of each month and considered late after the 15th. Automated payment will be deducted on the 15th of each month.
- Checks payable to "VBCC". Mail or drop off payments at the office.
- Deposits are usually made weekly on Fridays.

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Tuition Express Automated Payments

We still have Tuition Express this year, our in-house automated payment processing. Tuition Express allows for payments to be processed via bank account, credit or debit card. A completed enrollment form is required. Please see Sarah Knudsen for more information.